

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 931**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Emmerson**

February 18, 2005

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An act to amend Section 69433.5 of the Education Code, relating to student financial aid.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 931, as introduced, Emmerson. Student financial aid: Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program.

Existing law, known as the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Act, establishes the Cal Grant A and B entitlement awards, the California Community College Transfer Entitlement awards, the Competitive Cal Grant A and B awards, the Cal Grant C awards, and the Cal Grant T awards under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under these programs for participating students attending qualifying institutions.

This bill would make various technical, nonsubstantive changes in a provision of the act that is related to eligibility requirements.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 69433.5 of the Education Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 69433.5. (a) Only a resident of California, as determined by
- 4 the commission pursuant to Part 41 (commencing with Section
- 5 68000), is eligible for an initial Cal Grant award. The recipient

1 shall remain eligible for award renewal only if he or she is a  
2 California resident, *and* in attendance; and making satisfactory  
3 academic progress at, a qualifying institution, as determined by  
4 the commission.

5 (b) A part-time student shall not be discriminated against in  
6 the selection of Cal Grant Program award recipients, and an  
7 award to a part-time student shall be approximately proportional  
8 to the time the student spends in the instructional program, as  
9 determined by the commission. A first-time Cal Grant Program  
10 award recipient who is a part-time student shall be eligible for a  
11 full-time renewal award if he or she becomes a full-time student.

12 (c) Cal Grant Program awards shall be awarded without regard  
13 to race, religion, creed, sex, or age.

14 (d) No applicant shall receive more than one type of Cal Grant  
15 Program award concurrently. Except as provided in Section  
16 69440, no applicant shall:

17 (1) Receive one or a combination of Cal Grant Program  
18 awards in excess of the amount equivalent to the award level for  
19 a total of four years of full-time attendance in an undergraduate  
20 program, except as provided in Section 69433.6.

21 (2) Have obtained a baccalaureate degree prior to receiving a  
22 Cal Grant Program award, except as provided in Section 69440.

23 (e) A Cal Grant Program award, except as provided in Section  
24 69440, may only be used for educational expenses of a program  
25 of study leading directly to an undergraduate degree or  
26 certificate, or for expenses of undergraduate coursework in a  
27 program of study leading directly to a first professional degree,  
28 but for which no baccalaureate degree is awarded.

29 (f) ~~Commencing in 1999, the~~*The* commission shall, for  
30 students who accelerate college attendance, increase the amount  
31 of award proportional to the period of additional attendance  
32 resulting from attendance in classes that fulfill requirements or  
33 electives for graduation during summer terms, sessions, or  
34 quarters. In the aggregate, the total amount a student may receive  
35 in a four-year period may not be increased as a result of  
36 accelerating his or her progress to a degree by attending summer  
37 terms, sessions, or quarters.

38 (g) The commission shall notify Cal Grant award recipients of  
39 the availability of funding for the summer term, session, or  
40 quarter through prominent notice in financial aid award letters,

1 materials, guides, electronic information, and other means that  
2 may include, but not necessarily be limited to, surveys,  
3 newspaper articles, or attachments to communications from the  
4 commission and any other published documents.

5 (h) The commission may require, by the adoption of rules and  
6 regulations, the production of reports, accounting, documents, or  
7 other necessary statements from ~~the~~ *an* award recipient and the  
8 college or university of attendance pertaining to the use or  
9 application of the award.

10 (i) A Cal Grant Program award may be utilized only at a  
11 qualifying institution.